Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4 (Canceled).

5 (New). A method of processing data comprising the steps of:

(a) copying from a storage medium a plurality of DV-formatted DIF data blocks arranged in a sequential order according to the DV format standard, each DIF data block containing a header section and a payload section separate from said header section, said data stored in the collective respective payload sections of at least one DIF data block;

(b) in said sequential order, extracting said data from said respective payload sections of at least one DIF data block;

(c) arranging at least a portion of said data into a format other than DV-formatted data in a manner that maintains said at least a portion of said data in said sequential order, without transcoding any of said data from a DV format to said format other than DV-formatted data; and

(d) forwarding said portion of said data to a decoder capable of decoding said portion of said data for presentation to a user.

6 (New). The method of claim 5 where said format other than DV-formatted data is an MPEG format.

7 (New). The method of claim 6 where the payload section of each said DV-formatted DIF data block contains an MPEG header and MPEG data separate from said MPEG header.

8 (New). The method of claim 7 where said MPEG header contains a first section indicating the existence of MPEG data in said DIF data block and a second section indicating an offset value used to specify the position of MPEG data in said DIF data block relative to MPEG data in other DIF data blocks.

9 (New). The method of claim 8 wherein said DV-formatted DIF data blocks are arranged in DIF frames, each DIF frame containing multiple said DIF data blocks, wherein a plurality of MPEG headers stored in respective DIF data blocks have the same offset value, and wherein every MPEG header in said portion of said data includes a unique offset value.

10 (New). The method of claim 8 said DV-formatted DIF data blocks are arranged in DIF frames, each DIF frame containing multiple said DIF data blocks, wherein a plurality of MPEG headers stored in respective DIF data blocks have the same offset value, indicating redundantly-stored MPEG data.

11 (New). A method comprising the steps of:

(a) copying from a storage medium a plurality of DV-formatted frames, each frame having a plurality of DIF data blocks arranged in a sequential order according to a DV format standard, each DIF data block containing a header section and a separate payload section, said payload section storing data comprising an MPEG header section and an MPEG data section separate from said MPEG header section;

(b) extracting said data from respective said payload sections of at least one DIF data block;

(c) selecting a portion of said data and arranging said portion of said data into MPEG-formatted data comprising blocks of MPEG data respectively extracted, without transformation, from respective payload sections of DIF blocks, the arrangement of said blocks of MPEG data relative to each other preserving said sequential order, wherein said portion of said data is less than all of said data; and

(d) decoding said MPEG formatted data for visual presentation to a viewer.

12 (New). The method of claim 11 where said plurality of DV-formatted frames includes respective DIF data blocks redundantly storing duplicate MPEG header sections and MPEG data sections, and including the steps of:

(a) detecting missing MPEG data from said portion of said data;

(b) locating said missing MPEG data in a payload portion of a DIF data block redundantly storing said MPEG header and data sections, not in said portion of said data;

(c) inserting said missing data into said portion of said data prior to said step of decoding.

13 (New). The method of claim 12 where each said MPEG header section includes an offset value, where redundant data is stored in respective DIF blocks comprising an MPEG header section having the same offset value, where said offset value is used to select blocks of MPEG data for inclusion within said portion of said data.

14 (New). The method of claim 13 where the offset value of the MPEG header in the payload section of a respective DIF block, that is not redundant of the sequentially previous DIF data block, is equal to the number of bits of MPEG data in said sequentially previous data block plus the offset value of said sequentially previous data block.